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Toshikazu Suganuma et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2010, finally rejecting claims 1, 6-8, 10 and 12, enclosing herewith a three month Extension of Time and an RCE, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.